

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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COMMUNICATION OF THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL

concerning implementation dates for certain provisions in the modified proposals for a Council Regulation (EEC) laying down certain technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources (COM(78) 635 final of 16.11.78, COM(79) 80 final of 16.2.79, COM(79) 164 final of 23.3.79, COM(79) 200 final of 5.4.79).

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1. Since the 16 November 1978 the Commission, in accordance with Article 149, paragraph 2 of the EEC Treaty, has submitted to the Council proposals for a Council Regulation concerning technical measures whose implementation is considered necessary in order to ensure effective conservation of fishery resources.
2. The Council, however, has been unable as yet to agree to the Commission's proposals for technical measures.
3. Certain key provisions in the Commission's proposals which specify minimum mesh sizes, minimum landing sizes and by-catch provisions for certain fishing areas and species were scheduled to come into force on 1 September 1979. This date is now past.
4. It is now desired to bring to the attention of the Council the fact that it will be necessary to set new dates for the entry into force of certain technical measures proposed by the Commission, when, as is hoped, the Council reaches agreement on their implementation.
5. Since operators of fishing vessels will require to make the physical preparations necessary to satisfy the proposed technical regulations, it is considered wise to allow them a certain period of notice between the Council's deciding to implement the technical measures and their entry into force. It is suggested that a period of notice of not less than about two months would be appropriate in any particular case.
6. The Commission will make a formal proposal fixing new implementation dates for the technical measures when the Council is able to reach agreement on the substance of the measures themselves.